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HALLOWEEN PARTY

All "goblins, witches, batmen and black cats" of DuPont are invited after their foray of "trick or treat" on Halloween Night to come to the basement of the DuPont Church for a special Halloween Party sponsored by the DuPont Sunday School.

Party Time: Children ages 1 to 12, 7 to 8 P.M.
Teenagers, 13 and up, 8 to ???

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.. Refreshments will be served.... Dancing for the teenagers.... and fun is in store for all.

Listen for the Church Bell which will summon all "tricksters" in town.

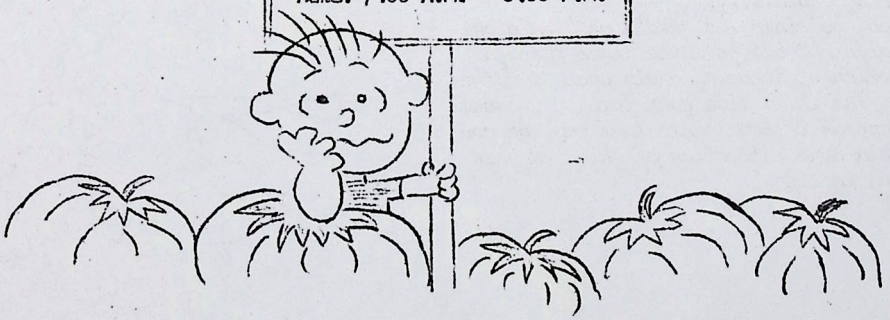
HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

Halloween, which brings to most of us, visions of fun and jollity, is an old, old festival. The Romans held it about the first of November in honor of Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees, thus nuts and apples became part of the ritual. In Britain the Druids celebrated a festival at the same time, in honor of the sun god and in thanksgiving for harvest. The two festivals seem to have become one in the mind of the Britons. Huge bonfires that burned for days were part of the festivities. Scotland and Wales also burned huge fires during this period.

In Ireland the celebration was known as the Vigil of Saman, or lord of death, who was supposed to assemble all of the wicked souls who had been, during the year, condemned to live in the bodies of animals. When the people of these lands became Christians, the early Church Fathers wisely let them keep their old feast, but gave it a new association by holding it in commemoration of all departed souls. Thus the eve of the festival came to be called "All Halloween". The name comes down from the old English word "Halwe", or as we now say "holy".

Many beliefs grew up about this feast, such as the belief that on this one day of all the year, the spirits of the departed are allowed to visit their old homes. In many parts of the old countries, food was left out, hearths were carefully swept, and chairs set in order before the inhabitants went to rest. Some of these old superstitions dating back to pagan times were brought to the U.S.A. by our English ancestors, and even though they lost their meaning long ago, we still keep some of the quaint old customs.

— General Election —
Nov 8, 1966
DuPont Town Hall
Time: 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.



Garden Club Meeting.

The DuPont Garden Club meeting on Oct. 18th was so well attended that the hostesses gleefully had to provide additional table settings. CK Alex Jekel and Mr. Duncan Emery of the Fort Lewis Information Section gave an interesting program on Viet Nam. Two new members, Mrs May Humiston and Mrs Lorraine Lickteig, were welcomed into the Club. Mrs Maxine Sharp and Mrs Eloise Brewer were guests.

A special program is planned for next month's meeting, so look for the next issue of The Villager for details.

Women's Association.

The Women's Association will meet in the Church basement this coming Wednesday, Nov 3rd, at 12:30 for a dessert luncheon. The program will include an attempt to relive the Thanksgiving of the past. All ladies are invited to attend.

World Community Day - Nov 4.

The United Church Women of Lakewood will observe World Community Day with a program including a puppet show, and a luncheon, at St Mary's Episcopal Church, 10630 Gravelly Lake Drive S. W., on Nov 4th, from 10:30 to 1 P.M. All ladies are invited.

Burning Nuts.

Name two nuts and place them on a shovel held over an open fire - a gas log will do. Repeat this charm —

" Nuts I place upon the fire.
And to each nut I give a sweetheart's name."

If either of the nuts hisses or steams, it shows that the owner of the nut has a cranky temper. If the nuts pop together, and toward each other, the friendship between the two persons will probably increase, and grow warmer. If, however, one does not pop at all, or they fall away from each other, the feeling will grow cooler, and the friends will be divided.

Winnowing Grain.....

Steal out into the garden or barn alone near midnight and go three times through the motion of throwing grain against the wind. The third time your future spouse will appear in some mysterious way, or you may gain some intimation of his or her station in life.

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Post Office will supply Zip Code.

Postmaster Iafrati reports that on Nov. 1st, DuPont residents will receive a Postal Department Card on which householders may list the address of their out-of-town correspondents for which they do not have Zip Code numbers.

It will not be necessary to list individual names, only the street addresses, city and state. Please print addresses legibly, and return the card to the DuPont Post Office, or drop it in any letter box. No postage is necessary. After your card is received, the Post Office will add the appropriate Zip Code numbers, and return the card to you.

The project is part of Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien's program to make Zip Codes more accessible to the mailing public, and to speed their mail.

Be sure to include your own address on the front of the card so it may be returned to you after the necessary Zip Codes have been added.

Additional cards are available at the Post Office.

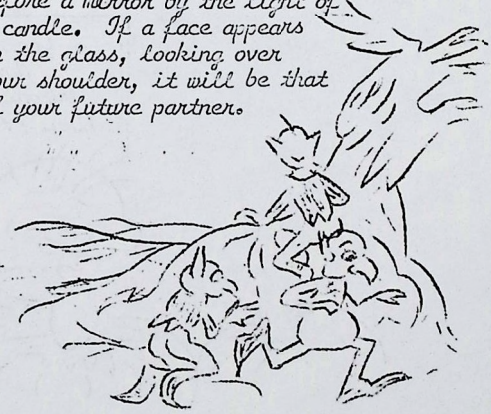
West Side Story.

If you haven't seen the Fort Lewis Entertainment Division's Production of "West Side Story", you can do so this week end. It will be presented at 8:30 P.M. on Oct. 28, 29 and 30 at the Centurion Playhouse, North 1st and Colorado Avenue at Fort Lewis. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free.

Come early....This Musical played to a packed house every night last week end, and many had to be turned away. The young actors, singers and dancers in the Musical are turning in a superb performance.

Remember to Vote.

Comb your hair at midnight standing alone before a mirror by the light of a candle. If a face appears in the glass, looking over your shoulder, it will be that of your future partner.



From the Editor's Desk .....

With this issue The Villager is nine months old. We feel it is time to tell you a little of our accomplishments, our aims, and to make an appeal for more local news. This is our 17th issue, not counting the Special Issue, of which we are very proud. Usually we print 200 copies, however 250 copies were printed of the Historical Issue. Since then we have printed an additional 100 copies so anyone who desires one may pick it up at The Villager Box. This issue has found its way into several school libraries, a State Office in Olympia, and the Pierce County Historical Society.

Besides the copies that are delivered to every door in DuPont, we have a regular mailing list of 25. In addition we mail copies to everyone whose name is mentioned in our paper, or to anyone whom we think might be interested in an article that we have printed. A recent copy went to Scotland, and several have been sent to Hawaii, and to Viet Nam. In fact we have two regular subscribers in Hawaii. The contributions so far have paid the bills, and we always have the faithful Garden Club to underwrite us if necessary.

No newspaper, however large or small, can survive without news. We tried to have a "With our Service Men" column, but we don't get the items for it. We do a lot of calling for news, but we would be much happier and more efficient if you would call us. We know that most of the families in town have someone in the Service somewhere. How about all of you writing up the news about them, and let us have an issue crammed with stories about the boys in Service, especially for our next issue, which will be published on November 11th - Veteran's Day.

We want other items too - about everybody that has had experiences to share with their neighbors. Poems, Jokes, stories - etc., will all receive consideration.

Let us hear from you, and we will do our best to make The Villager worth your while.

M. G.M.

The Pastor Ponders .....

Before The Villager next goes to press the 8 November elections will have become history.

Just think of it: you and I, who are of voting age have the privilege of writing that history! What part will we write? There are at least three options: We can endeavor to become as well informed as we can, and vote; we can vote by impulse; or we can abdicate our responsibility and refuse to vote on the grounds that it doesn't make any difference.

The third position is understandable. Many have become discouraged simply because politics often seems to exist more by "back-room deals" than what the voters say at the polls. When and if this is true, perhaps the best solution is to elect new people, whatever the political affiliation. To refuse to vote is, however, to invite tyranny! We are saying that we are willing to be controlled by others.

The second position, to vote by impulse, is a strong temptation when one wants to vote, but is uninformed. Such persons vote for the first named candidate, by the sound of the name, or on the basis of the groups that lend their support. Surely citizenship requires more dedicated thinking than this.

Dare anyone claim he is well informed? Perhaps not. But we can try. Let each of us give of our best in time and ability to perform this commanding act of citizenship.

Let's endeavor to vote intelligently!
Grenville A. Dawn.

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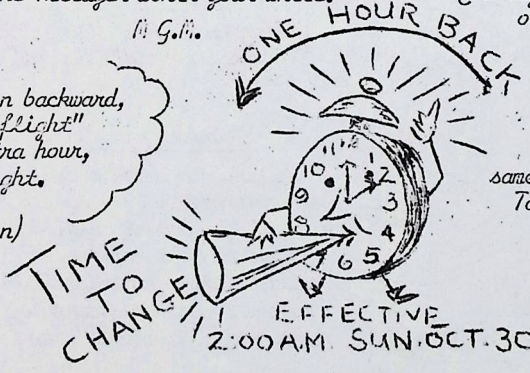
As if Jack and Eva Heuertz have not had trouble enough, their car was totally wrecked Wed. evening. It was parked at 6th and Stevens, when a car went out of control and crashed into it. The young couple in the other car were badly injured.

Eva says; "I'll be glad when 1966 is over and we can start a new year."

"Backward, turn backward,
O Time in thy flight"
Give us an extra hour,
Just for to-night.
(Apologies to
Elizabeth Allen)



Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, Old Time is still a-flying, And this same flower that smiles today, Tomorrow will be dying.
-Herrick-

Football Schedule.....

Laughbon Varsity

Oct 28, LHS at No. Thurston 8 P.M.
Nov 4 Mount Si at LHS (Homecoming) 8 P.M.
Nov 10, LHS at Fife 8 P.M.

Laughbon Junior Varsity

Oct 31, No Thurston at LHS 3:30 P.M.
Nov 7, LHS at Mount Si 3:30 P.M.

DuPont Jr High

Oct 28, DuPont at Tumwater 3:30 P.M.

Laughbon's third annual Homecoming activities will open Monday, Oct 31 and end Saturday, Nov 5th. The theme for the week end, and for the dance that follows on Saturday, after the official crowning of the 1966 Homecoming Queeen is "Bourbon Street Blues".

Scheduled Activities are:

Monday Oct 31 - "Ugly Man Contest"
"Poster Contest"
Tuesday Nov 1 "Powder Puff Football"
Senior girls vs Junior.
Wed Nov 2 "Students vs Faculty"
Football Game.
Thurs. Nov 3 "Dress Up Day"
Street Dance in Evening
Fri Nov 4 "All Color Day"
Students will dress in
Laughbon colors, Black and Gold.
Sat. Nov 5 Homecoming Dance
Queen's Coronation.

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Book Fair

Children and parents will have the opportunity to purchase their favorite books at the Clarkmoor School Fair, which will be open during the evenings of Nov. 16 and 17.

Remember to Vote.

School Board Meeting.....

Due to conflicting dates the School Board of District No 7, will meet Tuesday Nov 8 instead of Monday Nov 7, in Mr Hepp's office in the Administration Building at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

DRAMATIC ARTS CONFERENCE

Laughbon High School has been honored by being selected to sponsor the Northwest Dramatic Arts Conference on Nov 11 and 12. The states involved in the Northwest Conference of the National Thespian Society are Alaska, Montana, Idaho and Washington. Mr Zirkle, Laughbon's Drama Coach, states, "The purpose of the Conference is to develop better theatrical groups throughout the United States."

Mr Zirkle and his crew of Thespians have been busy these past few weeks constructing an addition to the new Laughbon Theatre. The addition will be completed in time for the Conference.

Workshops on lighting, make-up, music, dance and art will be presented during the two days. Two outstanding features of the Conference will be the showing of "West-Side Story" in the Laughbon Theatre by the Fort Lewis Centurion Theatre cast, and the DuPont-Laughbon production of the "Streets of New York". Over 375 delegates are expected to attend this conference.

Halloween Party at Clarkmoor

Clarkmoor students are contributing to Unicef this year to help children around the world to smile. Classroom parties will be held Friday, Oct 28, during the last hour of school.

Sign on a Motel Reader Board
"Make somebeddie happy."

Report Cards Out.

If you see Sonny sneaking in the back way on November 10 - collar him - and ask him for his report card.

Then to help matters, on November 11th-Veteran's Day - there will be no school. That will give you plenty of time for "lectures and resolutions", if necessary.

DUPONT MARKET SPECIALS

"Bat Juice" for Halloween		12/$1.09
Pumpkins	Lb	.03
Zee Wax Paper	200 ft roll	.39
M.J.B. Coffee	Lb	.79
Flett's Milk	Gal	.89
Vista Hosiery	2 pr	.99
Betty Crocker Lemon Velvet Cake Mix		3 /1.00
Jiffy Pop Corn Pops in the Package		.29
Flett's Butter	Lb	.85
Jumbo Fishsticks	24 oz	.99

With our Service Men.

Chief Commissaryman, Richard Shaver, USN spent 30 days visiting his mother, Mrs Miriam Shaver, 707 Louviers Avenue, and friends and relatives in the Tacoma area. He left for his new station, the Seabee base in Gulfport, Mississippi on Oct 17. He spent a few days visiting with his sister, Mrs Robert Swan in Mountain View, Cal. enroute to Mississippi.

Richard's last assignment was aboard the Submarine Tender, U S S Hunley at Holy Loch Scotland. He says he liked the Scotch people, but that the weather was raw and cold, and he was glad to be back on the balmy Washington Coast. He has just completed 15 years service, and re-enlisted for six more years, as he is making the Navy his career.

* Editor's note – we wish to thank Richard for his kind words about The Villager, and we hope he will enjoy his future copies.

Local News.

Jack Heuertz was taken ill at home Monday, Oct 17, and was taken to the Hospital. He is still there, although he is improving.

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Mrs Lisle Buck (Vera) has been confined in Lakewood Hospital, but is home now, and has regained her sense of humor.

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Sparks from the Fire House.

Effective November 1, 1966, until June 1 1967, the time and day for Fire Drill will be the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 2 P. M.

All Firemen are requested to note the time change and to attend drills. The winter season with its increased fire hazards, makes it imperative that the fire department operates at full efficiency.

Apple Paring.

Peel an apple without breeking the skin swing the paring around your head three times and let it fall to the floor over the left shoulder. The letter formed as it falls to the floor will give the initial of your future spouse.

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William Garwood – a former resident of DuPont, but now of Wilmington, Delaware – was a visitor in town this past week. He spent two days with Mary Decker. He is on his way to Denver to a meeting pertinent to the DuPont Company.

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